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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 10, 2006. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (*i.e.*, claims 1-17), drawn to a method of preparing a biomolecule lysate from a histopathologically prepared specimen. This application is made with traverse.

With respect to the election of species requirement, applicants elect the detergent Triton X, and the proteolytic enzyme trypsin. Claims 9-12 read on Triton X, and claims 1-17 read on trypsin.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications. Additionally, to the extent that an appropriate generic claim is allowed from Invention Group I, applicants reserve the right to reintroduce any or all of the non-elected claims back into the application as dependent claims. Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination.